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King County Community Organizing Program Advisory Board Meeting Minutes October 26th, 2010 King County Chinook Building Room 526

Board Members present: Liz Wilhelm, Kitsap County Drug Free Communities, Chair; Mark Howard, City of Seattle Police Department, Vice Chair; Kim Walker, Maple Valley DFC.

Staff Members present: Bryan Baird, Confidential Secretary / Board Liaison; Laura Quinn, Community Organizer; Sharon Toquinto, Prevention and Treatment Manager.

I. OPENING AND UPDATES

Introductions were provided by everyone in attendance, followed by personal and professional updates.

Mark announced Deanne Briese is stepping down from the board and will be sorely missed.

Discussion about the possible board meeting date and time change from Tuesday morning to Wednesday afternoon; remaining in the fourth week of the month seems most favorable. The board will look into other locations with free parking. More to come.

II. BOARD BUSINESS

1. COMM Budget Reductions

The budget will be reduced by the state by \$6,886 and will be taken from the mini-grant line, but the state intends to backfill that same amount with federal carryover. Commerce did not let her know when this second amendment would occur, but Sharon anticipates the backfill will occur in November.

2. Upcoming Legislative Session

New legislation will be introduced on the disposal of unwanted medications. Now that the federal law has been changed, this legislation is back with reinforced support. It is suspected the re-introduction of decriminalizing marijuana will also return.

Recently in the news, alcohol/energy drinks have been gaining press traction. Earlier this year, a request to ban these drinks in Washington state was quickly squashed by the big beer industry. Washington state Attorney General, with the support of 10 other Attorney Generals, filed a lawsuit asking for FDA assistance to support the ban.

A huge increase in our state of the use of prescription and over-the-counter drug use, both adult and youth, from Oxycodone to cough syrup. Heightened press awareness around this issue warrants prevention and treatment professionals to shift and help educate the media.

3. Board Recruitment

Currently, the board has six members with Education, Law Enforcement, Treatment, and Parent/Guardian category representation, and a single member may represent multiple categories. Bylaws require from nine to 12 members.

4. Meth Action Initiative (MAT)

Geoff Miller has made two contacts with the Sheriff's Dept to set up a MAT meeting, but has been informed of scheduling challenges as the assistant chief, who represents the KCSO, is out on leave. Sharon reported she has been in contact with Safe Streets, briefing them on the situation. They will conduct a future site visit by sitting in on one of the MAT quarterly meetings. More to come.

5. Prevention Redesign

Sharon gave background information around the DBHR prevention redesign that led to a redesign reset; suggested model is the Communities That Care: having a coalition, a school, in an identified geographic area. The issues/needs are defined with data back up, and services are placed in the areas to address the needs identified by the community.

III. PROGRAM REPORTS AND UPDATES

Laura presented her monthly report to the board outlining her work in all parts of the county.

Laura awarded two new mini-grants to:

- Twin Falls Middle School in North Bend for their Natural Helpers Program, and
- Renton Area Youth and Family Services for support of parenting classes.

Liz announced a Kitsap Youth Conference, scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2010, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sharon's MIDD updates to be emailed to the board members.

NEXT MEETING

Date and location TBD